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Identical letters dated 1 July 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Jordan completely and utterly rejects the spurious allegations set out in the identical letters dated 28 and 29 June 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Syria to the United Nations, and the statement delivered by the Permanent Representative of Syria at the open meeting of the Security Council on the situation in the Middle East that was held on 29 June 2015.

The brutal policies being pursued by the Syrian regime against unarmed Syrians, which have resulted in gross violations of international humanitarian and human rights law, have exacerbated terrorism in Syria and constitute an unprecedented threat to regional and international security.

Despite strenuous efforts by the international community, including the Security Council, to combat terrorism in Syria, the Syrian regime's policy of deliberate inaction, its disregard for the expansion of terrorist organizations and their massacres of Syrians, its refusal to take serious steps to combat those organizations and, indeed, that regime's frequent actions to facilitate their expansion, have impeded and limited the impact of efforts by the international community. Most regrettably, it is the Syrian people that is caught between the hammer of the regime and the anvil of terrorism.

In that regard, Jordan reaffirms that it has consistently combated terrorism and extremism in all their forms and manifestations, whatever their source, because they are contrary to religious and moral teachings and values. Jordan has taken a firm stand against terrorism and extremism, and all of its institutions will continue to confront terrorism comprehensively by stepping up their efforts and by coordinating and consulting with regional and international actors to consolidate security and stability in the region.

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Jordan condemns the vain efforts by the Permanent Representative of Syria to have the baseless allegations against Jordan taken seriously, when Jordan has long stood as an example of how to combat terrorism at all levels.

He disregards the fact that, since the beginning of the Syrian crisis, Jordan has struggled to address the flow of refugees, security concerns, infiltration attempts along its border with Syria and the emergence of terrorist organizations that threaten the security of the entire region. Instead of inciting an escalation of the situation in Syria, Jordan has, from the very first day of the crisis, emphasized the importance of arriving at a peaceful political solution.

Jordan once again calls on the Syrian regime to cooperate with efforts to achieve a political solution to the crisis in Syria. The Syrian regime should also respect the relevant Security Council resolutions, cooperate with the United Nations and its competent agencies in order to address the tragic humanitarian conditions in Syria, and take serious steps to stop the loss of Syrian lives. That would be preferable to hurling accusations at Jordan, which, despite its modest capacities and limited resources and the impact of numerous regional conflicts, has played host to close to one and a half million Syrian refugees since the crisis began. Jordan remains eager to find a political solution to the crisis in Syria that preserves that country's territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence and brings to an end the suffering that the Syrian people has been undergoing for so many years.

We also call on the international community to deal firmly with the Syrian regime in order to ensure compliance with the relevant Security Council resolutions, including resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014), 2191 (2014) and 2199 (2015); the resolutions of the General Assembly, including resolution 69/189; and international humanitarian law and human rights principles.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 68 (c) and 107, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Dina **Kawar**
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